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1. I advised Emmett Echols that I had noted two recent cases where CIA couriers were guilty of shoplifting and told him that I was very much concerned as to whether we were paying sufficient attention to the character and moral fiber of personnel recruited for couriers. I asked him to look into this and make sure that we are doing our very best.

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2. With the Director, General Cabell, [REDACTED], Bob Amory, [REDACTED] and Emmett Echols, I appeared before the House Appropriations Subcommittee again this morning at which time I presented our separation compensation proposal. We had fairly rough sledding; however, Sam Crosby, the Clerk of the Subcommittee, notified [REDACTED] later in the day that the Subcommittee had approved of our proposal with the understanding that it would be reconsidered in one year and that we would make reports to the Subcommittee twice each year. We got into a very brief discussion of the building during which Mr. Mahon made quite a speech about his feeling that the Agency was too big and should eventually be cut down so that everyone can be fitted into our new building. They indicated that they wanted a full report on the status of the building, the number of people to be left out, etc. (I have asked [REDACTED] to prepare such a report.) The Chairman said that they would not consider the Budget at this time and I have notified Ed Saunders that he can relax insofar as immediate preparations of the Budget are concerned. H

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3. I also asked Emmett Echols to start now to prepare the answers to certain questions which we were asked at the House Appropriations Subcommittee Meeting this morning so that they would be ready when we go up for our Budget Hearing. These have to do primarily with the total number of people in the Clandestine Services business, the number of clericals, turnover rates, etc.

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4. [REDACTED] telephoned about the memorandum which Shef Edwards sent up on the periodic reinvestigation of CIA employees. At the Director's request this has been referred to the other Deputies and the Inspector General for their comments. Following receipt of these comments, I assume that it will be brought up at a Deputies' Meeting for further discussion.

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5. Gates and I had a long meeting with [REDACTED] to discuss matters in connection with the new building. In addition to requesting preparation of the letter to Mr. Cannon, I asked him to look into the possibility of having several switches controlling various sections of the secure telephone since it will certainly be necessary to leave a hundred or so telephones in operation until the Director leaves at night. I also suggested that he explore the possibility of getting an interior decorator to decorate a select few of the offices, conference rooms, dining room, etc. I also asked that he explore further the possibility of reserving certain sections of the parking area for small cars and that he solicit the assistance of the Management Staff in working out the manner in which we

will stagger our working hours. I also told him I felt certain that we were going to have to have some kind of an open house or dedication ceremony at some time and to give careful consideration to what we should have and the timing thereof.

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6. I spoke to Lyman Kirkpatrick about my talk with [REDACTED] and he said that he would be glad to telephone the Assistant Secretary of Defense for Manpower and Mobilization as soon as he is appointed.

7. I advised Shef Edwards of my conversation with the Director concerning Shef's desire to announce that he plans to retire on 1 July 1962. He now has the green light to make such an announcement at anytime he chooses.

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8. I attended a Supergrade Review Board Meeting at which the promotion of Art Lundahl to grade GS-18 was approved. Bob Amory agreed to defer his recommendations on [REDACTED]. After the meeting I talked privately with [REDACTED] and Emmett Echols about the [REDACTED] promotion and requested that no Supergrade Review Board Meeting be held during my absence.

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